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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

Service representative detailed for duty at Barbados.

Owing to the prevalence of yellow fever at Barbados, Acting Assistant Surgeon R. H. Urquhart was detailed, February 8, to duty in the office of the consul at Bridgetown, Barbados. His duty will be to sign bills of health in conjunction with the consul, and to enforce the quarantine regulations of the United States with regard to yellow fever.

ALGERIA.

Deratization at Algiers—Rat fleas.

The following is taken from the *Bulletin Bimensuelle*, Algiers, January 16:

January 1–15: Rodents taken by the maritime sanitary service, 435; examined by the laboratory of health, 68; result, negative. Classification of rats: *Mus norvegicus*, 348; *Mus rattus*, 8; *Mus musculus*, 79. Rat fleas determined—*Pulex cheopis*, on *Mus norvegicus*, 13; *Ctenopysylla musculi*, on *Mus norvegicus*, 4.

Examination of rats at other localities in Algeria.

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1908.

BÔNE.—Rats taken, 13; examined, 13; plague rats, 0. Classified: *Mus norvegicus*, 9; *Mus rattus*, 3; *Mus alexandrinus*, 1.

BOUGIE.—Rats taken, 58; examined, 41; plague rats, 0.

ORAN.—Rats taken, 794; examined, 212; plague rats, 0. Classified: *Mus norvegicus*, 179; *Mus rattus*, 33.

PHILIPPEVILLE.—Rats taken, 22; examined, 13; plague rats, 0.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Examination of emigrants—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, January 8:

Weeks ended December 12, 19, and 26, 1908: Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on December 5, 1908.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health.

Week ended December 12	9
Week ended December 19	8
Week ended December 26	8

Examination of aliens for Honolulu and Pacific coast ports.

Week ended December 12:	
Examined	138
Rejected	24
Week ended December 19:	
Examined	0
Week ended December 26:	
Examined	242
Rejected	42

Examination of aliens for Philippine Islands.

Week ended December 12:	
Examined	46
Rejected	10
Week ended December 19:	
Examined	34
Rejected	9
Week ended December 26:	
Examined	40
Rejected	6

No quarantinable diseases.

Report from Shanghai—Plague among rats.

Consul Denby reports, January 12:

Plague is present among rats along the water front. No cases of human plague are officially reported.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Suarez reports, February 3 and 8:

Week ended January 30.

Vessels inspected	7
Bills of health issued	7
Members of crews inspected	181
Passengers inspected (officers and men detached from the army of Cuban pacification)	92

No quarantinable diseases were reported in the city or province.

Week ended February 6.

Vessels inspected	9
Bills of health issued	9
Members of crews inspected	359
Passengers inspected (69 officers and their families and 511 men detached from the army of Cuban pacification)	580

During the week no quarantinable disease was reported.